(ङ) वर्ष 1994-95 के लिए 40 करोड़ रु० की धनराशि आबंटित की गई। वर्ष 1994-95 के लिए निगम के अंतिम अनुपूरक अनुदान में 23.77 करोड़ रु० की धनराशि शामिल की गई है।

Fund for providing employment to minority community

1914. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a fund for providing employment opportunities to the members belonging to minority community in the country; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal in the Ministry of Welfare. However, the National Minorities Development and Financial Corporation has been set up as a company not for profit with an authorised share capital of Rs. 500/- crores with the main object of providing financial assistance to backward sections amongst the minorities to provide them avenues for gainful self-employment.

Commission for monitoring social development

1915. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to appoint a public commission for monitoring social development: and

(b) if so, what are the details of the different aspects thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) and (b) In his address of 10th March, 1995, to the World Summit on Social Development held in Copenhagen, the Prime Minister made an announcement regarding setting up of a suitable and effective mechanism for Social Development at the National level.

Opening of Ashram School for SC/ST students

1916. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for opening Ashram Schools for the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Students in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) to (c) A proposal was received for establishment of 25 Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan areas during 1994-95. The proposal could not be considered as the locations of the proposed Ashram Schools were not indicated. The Government of Gujarat has accordingly been advised to intimate the locations. On receipt of the clarification the proposal will be considered.

This Ministry has no scheme of Ashram Schools for Scheduled Castes at present.

Recognition of Social Group as backward class

1917. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of social groups which have so far approached the National Commission on backward class for recognition as backward class; and